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#### **Hugh Lawson** District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941 Education: Emory 1963 BA, 1964 LLB Began Service: December 29, 1995 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Judicial: Circuit Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Oconee Circuit (1979-1995); Administrative Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Eighth Judicial District (1986-1989)

Legal Practice: Partner, Lawson & Lawson (1965-1979) Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association

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#### Clay D. Land

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1960

Education: Georgia 1982 BBA, 1985 JD Began Service: December 28, 2001 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: State Senator, Georgia General Assembly (1995-2000)

Legal Practice: Associate, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild (1985-1989): Partner, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild (1989-1990); Partner, Buchanan & Land, LLP (1990-2001)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Columbus Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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#### C. Ashley Royal

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949 Education: Georgia 1971 AB, 1974 JD, 1976 MS Began Service: December 28, 2001 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, Augusta Judicial Circuit (1974-1975)

Legal Practice: Partner, Howard, Howard & Royal (1976); Public Defender, Glynn County (1976-1977); Associate, Falligant, Kent & Toporek (1977-1978); Solo Practitioner (1978); Associate, Fulcher, Fulcher, Hagler, Harper & Reed (1979-1980); Partner, Kent, Barrow & Royal (1980-1983); Of Counsel, Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP (1984-1985); Partner, Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP (1985-2001)

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#### Wilbur D. Owens, Jr.

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1930 Education: Georgia 1952 LLB

Began Service: March 1, 1972 Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Academic: Vice President and Trust Officer, Bank of Albany (1955-1959); Secretary and Treasurer, Southeastern Mortgage Company (1959-1962)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Georgia, United States Department of Justice (1962-1965)

Legal Practice: Partner, Smith, Gardner & Owens (1954-1955); Partner, Bloch, Hall, Hawkins & Owens (1965-1972)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1952-1954); United States Air Force Reserve (1954-1968)

Current Memberships: Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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# **Duross Fitzpatrick** Senior Judge



Date of Birth: 1934 Education: Georgia 1961 BS, 1966 LLB Began Service: 1986 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Judicial: Judge, County Recorder's Court (1974-1979); President, State Bar of Georgia (1984-1985); Member, Georgia Chief Justices Commission of Professionalism (1992-1998); Member, Federal Judges Association, Board of Directors (1998-2001)

Legal Practice: Associate, Elliott & Davis (1966-1967); Private Practice (1967-1983); Senior Partner, Fitzpatrick & Mullis (1983-1986)

Military Service: United States Marine Corps (1954-1957)

Current Memberships: American Bar Foundation; American Inns of Court; Georgia Bar Foundation; Macon Bar Association; State Bar of

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# Claude W. Hicks, Jr.

Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945 Education: Furman 1967 BA; Mercer 1970 JD

Began Service: 1986 Term Expires: 2010

Judicial: United States Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia (1983-1986)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1970–1986)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve (1967-1975)

Current Memberships: Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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# Richard L. Hodge

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946 Education: Mercer 1977 JD Began Service: August 26, 1993 Term Expires: August 25, 2009

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# G. Mallon Faircloth

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942 Education: Tennessee 1965 BS, 1968 JD Began Service: July 1, 1999 Term Expires: June 30, 2007

Judicial: Judge, Superior Courts of Georgia, Cordele Judicial Circuit (1981-1999)

**Legal Practice**: Private Practice (1968-1981)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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